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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1232**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Chavez**

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An act to add ~~Sections 44225.8 and 45023.5~~ *Section 44300.1* to the Education Code, relating to teachers.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1232, as amended, Chavez. Education: United States armed forces retired officers and retired noncommissioned officers: bonus.

Under existing law, the Commission on Teacher Credentialing is required to establish standards and procedures for the issuance and renewal of credentials. Under existing law, the commission is ~~prohibited from issuing any credential, permit, certificate, or renewal of an emergency credential to any person to serve in the public schools unless the person has demonstrated proficiency in basic skills in certain areas as demonstrated by a passing score on the state basic skills proficiency test~~ *authorized to issue or renew emergency teaching or specialist permits in accordance with regulations adopted for that purpose, if all of certain conditions are met, including that the applicant possesses a baccalaureate degree conferred by a regionally accredited institution of higher education and has passed the state basic skills proficiency test.*

This bill would, ~~notwithstanding those provisions,~~ authorize the commission to approve a school district request for the assignment of an individual pursuant to ~~specified those provisions relating to emergency teaching permits~~ if that individual *meets the requirements for an emergency permit* and is a retired officer or retired noncommissioned officer of the armed forces of the United States who participates in certain programs offered by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, and who agrees to teach for 5 years in a school district, and participates in a paraprofessional, preinternship, or internship program administered by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

The bill would, subject to an appropriation for this purpose, require that an individual who is approved for a teaching assignment in accordance with those provisions be eligible for a bonus payment of \$1,000 per year, for up to five years, and the school to which the individual is assigned would be required to receive a matching bonus of \$1,000 per year, for each year that the individual continues to teach at that school, for up to five years. The bill would allow an individual who *is approved for a teaching assignment under those provisions* who teaches at a low-performing school, as defined, to receive a bonus payment of \$2,000 per year, and the school to which the individual is assigned would be required to receive a matching bonus of \$2,000 per year, for that period of time.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) This act shall be known, and may be cited
- 2 as, the California State Troops to Teachers Act.
- 3 (b) The Legislature finds and declares as follows:
- 4 (1) The federal government has a program called “Troops to
- 5 Teachers” that encourages military and defense workers to enter
- 6 the teaching profession.
- 7 (2) The “Troops to Teachers” program has proven to be highly
- 8 successful and has demonstrated that military personnel are
- 9 well-suited to enter the teaching profession.
- 10 (3) The federal government is no longer funding the “Troops
- 11 to Teachers” program due to the shortage of military persons
- 12 worldwide.



(4) There is an urgent need for qualified teachers in California.

(5) California is home to the largest military retiree and veterans populations in the United States.

(c) We do hereby establish the California State Troops to Teachers Act.

~~SEC. 2. Section 44225.8 is added to the Education Code, to read:~~

~~44225.8. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commission may approve a school district request for the assignment of an individual pursuant to subdivision (m) of Section 44225 or Section 44300 for individuals who meet all of the following criteria:~~

~~(a)~~

~~SEC. 2. Section 44300.1 is added to the Education Code, to read:~~

~~44300.1. (a) The commission may approve a school district request for the assignment of an individual pursuant to Section 44300 for an individual who meets the requirements of that section, and who meets all of the following criteria:~~

~~(1) The individual is a retired officer or retired noncommissioned officer of the armed forces of the United States.~~

~~(b)~~

~~(2) The individual agrees to teach for five years in a school district, and participates in a paraprofessional, preinternship, or internship program administered by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.~~

~~SEC. 3. Section 45023.5 is added to the Education Code, to read:~~

~~45023.5. (a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), an individual who is approved for a teaching assignment in accordance with Section 44225.8 shall be eligible to receive a~~

~~(b) An individual who is approved for a teaching assignment pursuant to subdivision (a) shall be eligible to receive a bonus payment of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per year, for up to five years, and the school to which the individual is assigned shall be eligible to receive a matching bonus of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per year, for each year that the individual continues to teach at the school, for up to five years.~~

~~(b) (1) Each individual who is approved for a teaching assignment in accordance with Section 44225.8 and who teaches~~

1     (c) (1) *An individual who is approved for a teaching*  
2 *assignment pursuant to subdivision (a) and who teaches at a*  
3 *low-performing school shall be eligible to receive a bonus*  
4 *payment of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per year, for up to five*  
5 *years, and the low-performing school to which the individual is*  
6 *assigned shall be eligible to receive a bonus of one thousand*  
7 *dollars (\$1,000) per year, for each year that the individual*  
8 *continues to teach at the school, for up to five years.*

9     (2) For purposes of this section, a low-performing school is a  
10 school that performs in the bottom 25th percentile, based on the  
11 Academic Performance Index developed pursuant to Section  
12 52052.

13     ~~(e)~~

14     (d) This section shall be implemented to the extent that funds  
15 are appropriated for this purpose.

